

Esteemed Professor Posted Prophetic Scripture Just Before His Death in Tragic Plane Crash

“If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me – Psalm 139:9-10.”

So reads a post by Pius Adesanmi the day before he died. The professor is smiling at the camera, holding his passport.

Adesanmi was awarded the Penguin Prize for African Writing in nonfiction in 2010 for a collection of essays titled, “You’re Not a Country, Africa!”

Sunday’s crash, minutes after takeoff from Addis Ababa for a flight to Nairobi, inflicted a particularly heavy toll on the United Nations, which has large offices in both cities, according to Reuters. The 157 victims, including 149 passengers and eight crew members, came from more than 30 countries, the airline said.

Also among the dead were four Catholic Relief Services employees from Ethiopia. Sara Chalachew, Getnet Alemayehu, Sintayehu Aymeku and Mulusew Alemu were headed to Nairobi for training, their employer said.